

9. A major change affecting the professional training of the Brigade of Midshipmen was initiated during the 1975-76 academic year. No revisions to the professional curriculum or training in Bancroft Hall were promulgated this year, but extensive plans were made for next year. The concept behind the revision of the professional program was to provide a four-year course of professional instruction which could be logically built upon during a midshipman's tenure at the Academy. The final building block in each professional area is an applied course, such as a summer cruise or leadership case study. The concept also will do away with redundant items which in the past have been covered by two different departments or programs. The change calls for revisions in several academic areas:

The revision of the Naval Command and Management Division will be established at the end of academic year 1975-76 and the Departments of Leadership and Law, Navigation, and Seamanship and Tactics will come under the purview of the

Commandant of Midshipmen. These departments will be incorporated into the Division of Professional Development which was established under the Office of the Commandant in February 1976. In addition to this reorganization, professional courses in Weapons, Seamanship, Leadership, Navigation, and Engineering will be revised to meet the new program for the fall semester of academic year 1976-77.

10. The Professional Officer and Human Person Course was presented in a similar manner as in the previous two years, covering such subjects as personal worth, race relations, drug abuse, leadership and ethics. The course will be incorporated into the new three semester leadership program commencing next year.

11. Refinements were made to the Plebe Indoctrination System and Manual. Increased emphasis on Plebe rate knowledge during the summer coupled with a concentration on professional topic discussions and testing during the academic year were the main ideas